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Finding the Main Idea- Student Notes

**Directions: Fill in the blanks as the Power Point is presented.**

* What is the main idea?
  + The main idea of a story or passage is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  + It is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that the author wants the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to understand.
* What questions should I ask to find the main idea?
  + When you are looking for the main idea of a passage, ask yourself…
    - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
    - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* How can I check to see if a selected the correct main idea?
  + What you think you know what the main idea is, ask yourself…
    - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
      * If the answer is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, you have found the main idea.
      * If the answer is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, read the passage again.
* Topic vs. Main idea
  + The topic of a passage and the main idea of a passage are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the same.
  + The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is more detailed, or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, than a topic.
* Example
  + How much television do you watch? Children today are watching twice as much television on average than children were watching five years ago. Kids under age 6 watch an average of about 2 hours of screen media a day, primarily TV and videos or DVDs. This number has risen approximately 40% from five years ago. Kids and teens 8 to 18 years spend nearly 4 hours a day in front of a TV screen and almost 2 additional hours on the computer (outside of schoolwork) and playing video games. Unfortunately, this number was 65% lower when compared to five years ago. As kids get older, too much screen time can interfere with activities such as being physically active, reading, doing homework, playing with friends, and spending time with family. It is important to set viewing limits to ensure that your kids don't spend too much time parked in front of the TV.
  + The topic of this article is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + The main idea of this article is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.